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SUBJ: SUGGESTIONS TO SUPPLEMENT AIDES' DRAFT ON "MEXICO'S
IMPORT PROTECTION SYSTEM"

FOR COMMERCE

FOR AIDES (DIBA/MEXICO) FROM KOHN

1. LICENSES ARE CHIEF MEANS USED BY GOM TO CONTROL IMPORTS. OF TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR IMPORT LICENSES RECEIVED IN 1973, ROUGHLY 90 PER CENT WERE APPROVED, 6 PERCENT DISAPPROVED, AND 4 PERCENT ANNULED DUE TO INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION, ACCORDING TO THE SECRETARIAT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE. HOWEVER THIS RELATIVELY HIGH PERCENTAGE MAY BE DUE TO FACT THAT MEXICAN IMPORTERS DO NOT USUALLY BOTHER TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR PRODUCTS THEY DO NOT EXPECT TO BE APPROVED FOR IMPORT.

2. PROCEDURALLY, APPLICATIONS FOR IMPORT LICENSES ARE MADE TO SIC WHICH EITHER ACTS DIRECTLY OR REFERS THEM TO APPROPRIATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR RECOMMENDATIONS. THERE ARE PRESENTLY 53 RPT 53 COMMITTEES BUT ONLY 31 RPT 31 ACTUALLY MEET IN FORMAL SESSION.

3. YOUR STATEMENT: "IN RELATION TO OTHER LDCS, MEXICAN TARIFF PROTECTION IS NOT HIGH" WE BELIEVE IS TOO BROAD AND SHOULD BE DELETED.

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4. THE US. SHARE OF THE MEXICAN IMPORT MARKET DECLINED FROM A

HIGH OF 68.5 PERCENT IN 1956 TO A LOW OF 60.5 PERCENT IN 1972.
THIS DOWNWARD TREND WAS REVERSED IN 1973 WHEN THE US. ENJOYED
AN ESTIMATED 62.8 PERCENT OF THE MEXICAN MARKET.

5. TO FOOTNOTE ONE INDICATING A US. BILATERAL TRADE SURPLUS OF
\$350 MILLION DOLLARS IN 1972 SHOULD BE ADDED: "OFFICIAL MEXICAN
GOVERNMENT TRADE STATISTICS, HOWEVER, INDICATE A TRADE SURPLUS OF
\$500 MILLION DOLLARS IN FAVOR OF THE US."

6. IN SAME PARAGRAPH WHERE YOU DISCUSS TRADE BALANCE IN OUR FAVOR
YOU SHOULD ADD SENTENCE INDICATING: "WHILE THE BALANCE OF TRADE
FAVORS US. MEXICO ENJOYS A FAVORABLE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS WITH
THE UNITED STATES WHEN TOURISM, BORDER TRANSACTIONS AND DIRECT
PRIVATE INVESTMENT ARE ADDED TO THE EQUATION.

7. IN THIRD FROM LAST PARAGRAPH, LAST SENTENCE, ADD "IN TERMS OF
BOTH PRICE AND QUALITY" FOLLOWING "...DISADVANTAGES TO THE LOCAL
CONSUMER'...."

8. IN DISCUSSION GOM EFFORTS AT TRADE DIVERSIFICATION IN PENULTIMATE
PARAGRAPH, ADD: "TO DATE, MEXICO HAS NOT BEEN TOO SUCCESSFUL IN
ACHIEVING THIS GOAL, AS IS REFLECTED IN HER 1973 TRADE STATISTICS."

9. IN DISCUSSING PREFERENCES FOR LAFTA COUNTRIES IN LAST
PARAGRAPH, ADD: "IMPORTS FROM 'LAFTA' NATIONS, HOWEVER, ONLY
ACCOUNTED FOR 4 PERCENT OF TOTAL MEXICAN IMPORTS IN 1972."

EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT ANY CHANGES IN MEXICO'S IMPORT
PROTECTION SYSTEM.

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